# TR Blend Word List

Tongue tip up for /t/, release, and pull straight back into the R shape. Like DR, a slight "ch" quality is completely normal.



| SOUND | TYPICAL AGE | TYPE |
|---|---|---|
| /tr/ | By age 5-7 | Voiceless Stop + liquid cluster |

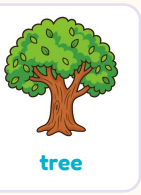
**PRACTICE TIP**

Do not correct the natural "chr" sound in "train" - adults produce it that way too.

TR does not occur often in the middle or at the end of English words, so this page practices it at the beginning.

## Initial Position (21 words)

The sound is at the beginning of the word.


tree


train


truck


trash


trunk


trail


tray


trophy

These and 7 more pictured words are in the TR Blend picture cards.

### 1 Syllable

12 words

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| tree | try | trip | tray |
| train | trash | trunk | trick |
| truck | treat | trail | trap |

### 2 Syllables

7 words

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| trophy | trumpet | traffic | treasure |
| trouble | tractor | travel | |

### 3 Syllables

2 words

| | |
|---|---|
| triangle | trampoline |

### High-frequency initial words

Everyday words rather than picture-card words - which is why most lists leave them out. A child already says these hundreds of times a day, so they carry more carryover value than any noun above. Target them in conversation, not in drill.

**trying, tried, tries**

# Generalization

Word lists get a sound into a child's mouth. Generalization is what gets it into their life. These are activities where the target words come up on their own, so nobody has to be talked into practicing.

## Play-based ideas for young children

### Train track

Build a track and run a train around it, stopping at stations.

Words that come up: train, track, truck, trip, travel, again, more, go, stop, my turn, fast, slow, crash, around

### Truck loading

Load and dump cargo with a toy dump truck.

Words that come up: truck, trip, trash, tray, treat, again, more, load, dump, my turn, full, empty, go, big

### Treasure trail

Follow a trail of clues to find a treat.

Words that come up: trail, treasure, treat, try, true, again, more, found, look, my turn, where, next, hot, cold

## Conversation and verbal games for older kids

**True or false**

Make claims; the other person judges. "True" every round.

**Travel trivia**

Quiz each other on places. "Travel" and "trip" repeat.